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# H. CON. RES. 203

Condemning the persecution of labor rights advocates in Iran.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. ANDREWS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning the persecution of labor rights advocates in  
Iran.

Whereas, on April 9, 2007, Iranian agents arrested and imprisoned Mahmoud Salehi, founder of the Saghez Bakery Workers Association;

Whereas Salehi's life is in grave danger as he sits in the Sanandaj prisons without access to kidney dialysis treatment;

Whereas, on July 10, 2007, plainclothes Iranian agents severely beat and arrested Mansour Osanloo, president of the Syndicate of Workers of Tehran and Suburbs (Vahed);

Whereas Osanloo now sits in Iran's notorious Evin prison with a chronic heart condition and a serious eye condition that requires immediate surgery;

Whereas Osanloo has no access to medical or legal assistance and no contact with his family;

Whereas, on August 9, 2007, Teamsters General President James P. Hoffa called on Iran to immediately release Osanloo and Salehi;

Whereas, on August 9, 2007, the International Trade Union Confederation, together with the International Transport Workers' Federation, staged an international day of action to free Osanloo and Salehi;

Whereas Iran is a member of the International Labor Organization (ILO) and is legally bound to respect ILO core principles, including freedom of association;

Whereas Freedom House reported in 2006 that “Iranian law does not allow independent labor unions to exist”; and

Whereas the United States remains the leading voice in the world for international workers' rights and labor standards: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2   *concurring), That Congress—*

3            (1) condemns the Government of Iran for the  
4        arrest and imprisonment of Iranian union leaders  
5        Mahmoud Salehi and Mansour Osanloo and de-  
6        mands their immediate release; and

7            (2) expresses its solidarity with the workers of  
8        Iran and stands with them in their effort to bring  
9        political freedom and individual liberty to Iran.

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